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SUBJECT: SUGGESTED USG TACTICS VIS-A-VIS

AUSTRIA ON UN ISSUES

1. EXPERIENCE OF OUR RECENT VIGOROUS LOBBYING
EFFORT VIS-A-VIS AUSTRIA RE LOS CONFERENCE
PARTICIPATION AND KHMER REPRESENTATION IN UNGA
AND OUR ANALYSIS OF GOA DECISION-MAKING PROCESS
SUGGEST FOLLOWING TACTS BE OBSERVED BY USG IN FUTURE
IN DEALING WITH AUSTRIA ON UN ISSUES:

A. UNDERTAKE AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE STAGE
GREATER LOBBYING EFFORT VIS-A-VIS AUSTRIAN UN
PERMREP JANKOWITSCH ON IMPORTANT ISSUES.
B. CALL IN HALUSA IN WASHINGTON ON IMPORTANT
ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION AT DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
LEVEL OR HIGHER AT EARLY STAGE TO UNDERLINE SERIOUS-
NESS OF OUR CONCERN.

C. CONTINUE TO INSTRUCT EMBASSY VIENNA TO MAKE
DEMARCHES AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF GOA ON VARIOUS
UN ISSUES. IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, PROVIDE
EMBASSY GREATER LEAD TIME TO TAKE UP POTENTIALLY
SERIOUS ISSUES. PROSPECTS FOR SUCCESS ARE
UNDERSTANDABLY MUCH LESS WHEN EMBASSY EFFORT
MUST BE DIRECTED TO REVERSING A POSITION ALREADY
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INPUT INTO A YET UNDETERMINED POSITION.

2. FOREGOING SUGGESTED TACTICS BASED ON FOLLOWING PREMISES AND ANALYSIS:

A. INCUMBENT FOREIGN MINISTER KIRCHSCHLAEGER WILL LIKELY BECOME SOCIALIST PARTY'S CONADIDATE AND BE SUCCESSFULLY ELECTED TO OFFICE OF PRESIDENT SHOULD PRESIDENT JONAS, WHO HAS BEEN IN POOR HEALTH IN RECENT MONTHS, DECIDE TO RESIGN BEFORE EXPIRATION OF HIS TERM IN 1976. JANKOWITSCH, WHO SERVED AS CHANCELLOR KREISKY'S CHEF DE CABINET AND WHO ENJOYS CLOSE PARTY AND PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH KREISKY WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY BECOME FOREIGN MINISTER UNDER SOCIALIST GOVERNMENT. THESE TWO PROSPECTS HAVE ALREADY BECOME PART OF WORKING ATMOSPHERE IN FOREIGN OFFICE.

B. IT IS COMMON KNOWLEDGE IN VIENNA THAT JANKOWITSCH WAS ASSIGNED TO UN, AT KREISKY'S SPECIFIC REQUEST, TO PROMOTE HIS IMAGE OF YOUNG, ABLE, DYNAMIC LEADER OF NEW SOCIALIST STYLE OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICS. JANKOWITSCH THUS ENJOYS UNUSUALLY LARGE DEGREE OF INITIATIVE AND AUTONOMY IN DECISION-MAKING PROCESS RE AUSTRIAN POSITIONS ON UN ISSUES. IT IS EVIDENT HE UNDERSTANDS AND FULLY SHARES KREISKY'S VIEWS ON FOREIGN POLICY.

C. WHILE ON ONE HAD FOREIGN OFFICE SUBSTANTIVE STAFF RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPPORTING AUSTRIAN ACTIVITIES IN ALL INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS CONSISTS OF ONLY FOUR OFFICERS OVERWHELMED BY SHEER VOLUME OF WORK, AUSTIAN MISSION'S STAFF AT THE UN HAS BEEN ENLARGED AT JANKOWITSCH'S INSISTENCE TO SUPPORT MORE ACTIVE AUSTRIAN ROLE IN UN, PARTICULARLY IN CONNECTION WITH AUSTRIA'S NON-PERMANENT SEAT IN SECURITY COUNCIL. HUMES

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